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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: April 14, 2015

DATE: March 24, 2015
TO: Board of County Commissioners
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SUBJECT: Recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners to retroactively acknowledge the acceptance of a grant award from the Alliance with the Washoe County Medical Society's to the Second Judicial District Court, Kid's Court/Ask an Inmate Program in the amount of \$4,000.00 [No Match Required] effective fiscal year 2014-15, March 3, 2015 through June 30, 2015, and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget adjustments. [All Commission Districts.]

SUMMARY

The proposed Board action is to retroactively acknowledge the grant award of \$4,000.00 [No County or Court Match Required] effective fiscal year 2014-15, March 3, 2015 through June 30, 2015, from the Alliance with the Washoe County Medical Society to support the Second Judicial District Court's, Kid's Court/Ask an Inmate Program and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget adjustments. The Second Judicial District Court was notified of the award by receipt of payment and its accompanying letter on March 3, 2015.

County Priority/goal supported by this item: Improve Public Safety, Security and Health.

PREVIOUS ACTION

The Board of County Commissioners acknowledged the acceptance of a previous grant award of \$5,850 from the Alliance with the Washoe County Medical Society to the Second Judicial District Court in March 13, 2012, agenda item 6.D.1.

BACKGROUND

Judge Janet Berry created the "Kids' Court/Ask an Inmate Program" in 1994 as a special field trip for fifth grade elementary school students. In the years that have followed, students from all over the Truckee Meadows have visited Judge Berry's courtroom to participate in a mock trial. Kids' Court is a scripted mock trial held in the courtroom. The children are each assigned a role, complete with costumes. Students and parents

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have the opportunity to see first-hand how jury trials are conducted. The students meet with the Judge and talk about the trial and the American justice system. After the students complete the trial, two jail inmates are escorted into the courtroom.

The Ask an Inmate Program is an interactive discussion with prisoners who tell the students their life stories and where they made wrong choices. Two sheriff deputies moderate the discussion. The goal of the program is to teach students about the consequences of peer pressure, the dangers of adolescent drug abuse, alcohol use, and gangs, as well as the importance of making good decisions.

The Court plans to use these donated funds to update and repair costumes for the mock trials, purchase new costumes and materials, pay printing costs for program booklets, and purchase pencils as gifts to participants to serve as a reminder of the valuable things they learned in the Kids' Court/Ask an Inmate Program.

Students, parents, and teachers consistently report that the program is one of their favorite and most valuable learning experiences. Since its inception in 1994, more than 450 elementary school classes (approximately 15,000 students and parents) have attended this innovative program.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Kids' Court/Ask an Inmate Program

Scope of the Project: Goal of the program is to allow students and parents to see first-hand how jury trials are conducted and to teach students about the consequences of peer pressure, the dangers of adolescent drug abuse, alcohol use, and gangs, as well as the importance of making good decisions.

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: Education to children and parents regarding the American Justice System and the consequences of peer pressure, the dangers of adolescent drug abuse, alcohol use, and gangs with the goal of improving public safety, security and health.

On-Going Program Support: The award will be used to update and repair costumes for the mock trials, purchase new costumes and materials, pay printing costs for program booklets, and purchase pencils as gifts to participants for fiscal year 2014-15.

Award Amount: \$4,000.00

Grant Period: July 2014-June 2015

Funding Source: The Alliance with the Washoe County Medical Society

Pass through From: Not applicable

CFDA Number: Not applicable

Grant ID Number: Not applicable

Match Amount and Type: Not applicable

Indirect Cost Rate (applicable to the award): Not applicable

Special Terms & Conditions: Not applicable

Sub-Awards and Contracts: Not applicable

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board acknowledge this grant award and amendments, the adopted budget will be increased by \$4,000.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

<u>Order #</u>		<u>G/L Acct #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
IN20321	Kid's Court - Donations/Contributions	484195	\$4,000.00
IN20321	Kid's Court-Other Expense	710500	\$4,000.00

There is no match required for this donation.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners retroactively acknowledge the acceptance of a grant award from the Alliance with the Washoe County Medical Society's to the Second Judicial District Court, Kid's Court/Ask an Inmate Program in the amount of \$4,000.00 [No Match Required] effective fiscal year 2014-15, March 3, 2015 through June 30, 2015 and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget adjustments. [All Commission Districts.]

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be that the Board of County Commissioners retroactively acknowledge the acceptance of a grant award from the Alliance with the Washoe County Medical Society's to the Second Judicial District Court, Kid's Court/Ask an Inmate Program in the amount of \$4,000.00 [No Match Required] effective fiscal year 2014-15, March 3, through June 30, 2015, and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget adjustments. [All Commission Districts.]

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